

## PHARMACY PRACTICE RESIDENCY

The VA Western New York Healthcare System (Buffalo Facility) has four Pharmacy Practice Residency Positions. The Buffalo VA Medical Center is a 160 bed Tertiary Care facility affiliated with the State University of New York at Buffalo and located adjacent to the Medical Complex. Pharmacy Service at the VA Western New York Healthcare System is affiliated with the SUNYAB School of Pharmacy as a training site for doctoral pharmacy students in various aspects of Pharmaceutical Care.

### PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

- **CORE(4 weeks each)**
- Acute/Critical Care Pharmacotherapy
- Infectious Disease
- Primary Care (Ambulatory rotation)
- Diabetes/Dyslipidemia Clinics
- Geriatrics
- Anticoagulation
- Medication Reconciliation/Inpatient Anticoag

### Electives including

- Cardiology:
- Neurology
- Advanced critical care
- Pharmacoeconomics
- Endocrinology
- Consultant Pharmacy
- HIV/ Infectious Disease
- Psychiatry Pharmacy



### EXPECTATIONS and INTENDED OUTCOMES:

During the course of the program, the resident will be expected to:

- 1) Complete all core rotations, provide direct patient care in multiple environments.
- 2) Organize information to provide education to staff, patients and caregivers well as becoming an integral member of the health care team
- 3) Develop skills that will lead to the development of an independent pharmacy practitioner and prepare for a potential PGY-2 residency.
- 4) Use experiential training to develop knowledge and skills to be a leader in pharmacy practice.

### LEARNING EXPERIENCES

During the course of the program, the resident will be expected to:

- 1) Provide Acute/Critical Care Pharmacy Services, including total parenteral nutrition, antibiotic preparation, antibiotic monitoring, pharmacokinetic consults, IV admixture and Unit Dose Drug Distribution, provision of discharge counseling, and provision of Drug Information Services.
- 2) Provide Outpatient Pharmacy services including verifying orders, checking and dispensing, and patient counseling.
- 3) Participate in community based fairs, such as Veterans community programs and health fairs.
- 4) Design, implement and analyze an IRB (investigational review board approved) research project.
- 5) Develop, implement and present a DUE Demonstration Project and Administrative project
- 6) Develop public speaking skills through CE lectures and other healthcare teaching opportunities.
- 7) Develop written skills in the form of written progress notes or formal consultations in the patient's chart and interdepartmental memoranda or procedures.
- 7) Design, implement and analyze an IRB (investigational review board approved) research project as well as DUE(MUE) project.

<http://www.buffalo.va.gov/pharmresidency/index.asp>

### TRAINEES INFORMATION

The prospective trainee must have a Doctor of Pharmacy or equivalent educational experience prior to entering the residency. If licensing in NY State, the resident is recommended to take the compounding portion of the exam in January in order to meet the residency licensing timeline. The residency will begin about July 1 and will require 2000 hours of residency training. The stipend for the resident is \$42,113 which also includes 13 days each of sick and personal leave. Additional benefits include health and life insurance. Upon completion of the residency, the trainee will receive a certificate of completion. You MUST be a US Citizen. A resume (curriculum vitae) is required for consideration. All materials must be submitted through Phorcas.

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The VA Western NY Healthcare System (VAWNYHS) is part of the VA Healthcare Network Upstate New York (see below map). It consists of two facilities one in Buffalo, the other in Batavia as well as five community based-outpatient clinics. The Buffalo facility opened in 1950. It provides medical, surgical, mental health and long-term care services through a full range of inpatient and outpatient programs. It is the main referral center for cardiac surgery, cardiology and comprehensive cancer care for Central and Western New York and Northern Pennsylvania.

The Batavia facility (lower right) is situated on 48.8 acres in Genesee County's largest city. It provides geriatric and rehabilitation medicine services, a residential care post-traumatic stress disorder unit, and out-patient services. In 1995, a New York State Veterans Home was built on the Batavia grounds.

Veterans can receive primary care, wellness and preventive outpatient care at both the Buffalo and Batavia facilities. Comprehensive primary, secondary and tertiary inpatient care is available in Buffalo. A hospitality suite for outpatients and their families is available at Buffalo offering overnight lodging to veterans from outside the area.

The VAWNYHS is academically affiliated with the State University of New York (SUNY) at Buffalo Schools of Medicine and Pharmacy. Other affiliated SUNY programs include nursing, dentistry, physical and occupational therapy, psychology, social work and health care administration. VA WNY researchers have earned worldwide acclaim in developing the cardiac pacemaker. Recent breakthroughs in the study of tinnitus and progress toward a vaccine for childhood ear infections promise benefits to all mankind.

